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1. GDR :MBASSY DCM ELM ON OCTOBER 6 DELIVERED TO EUR/CE OFFICE DIRECTOR FOLLOWING RESPONSE TO US APPROACH (REFTEL) ON POTENTIAL FOR INTERFERENCE WITH RIAS BY NEW TRANS-MITTERS PLANNED FOR GDR:

BEGIN TEXT:

A.) IN PREPARATION FOR THE SECOND SESSION OF THE LONG AND MEDIUM WAVE FREQUENCY CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION, THE GDR NOTIFIED THE 990 KHZ FREQUENCY FOR 20 KILOWATT TRANSMITTERS IN HOYERSWERDA, ROSTOCK, AND WACHENBRUNN IN ORDER TO PROVIDE NECESSARY RADIO COVERAGE FOR ITS TERRITORY.

B.) COORDINATION PROCEDURES WERE INSTITUTED FOR THE ULTRA HIGH FREQUENCY TRANSMITTER ROEBEL (10KW) ON THE 94.15 MHZ FREQUENCY.

C.) IN NOTIFYING THE 990 KHZ FREQUENCY, THE GDR PROCEEDED ON THE BASIS OF THE RESULTS OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE LONG AND MEDIUM WAVE FREQUENCY CONFERENCE FOR REGIONS 1 AND 3 (GENEVA, NOVEMBER 1974) WHICH PLACE NO LIMITATIONS ON THE NOTIFICATION OF RADIO FREQUENCIES BY PARTICIPATING STATES. THEREFORE, AT THE SECOND SESSION OF THIS CONFERENCE IN GENEVA (OCTOBER-NOVEMBER, 1975) THERE CAN BE NO REFERENCE EITHER TO RIGHTS FLOWING FROM THE COPENHAGEN AGREEMENT OF 1948 OR FROM LATER REGISTRATION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL FREQUENCY REGISTRA-TION BOARD (IFRB).

D.) IN CONNECTION WITH NOTIFICATION OF THE 94.15 MHZ FREQUENCY FOR THE ULTRA-HIGH FREQUENCY TRANSMITTER AT ROEBEL, WE CALL ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT AS EARLY AS THE EUROPEAN RADIO CONFERENCE IN STOCKHOLM IN 1961, THE GDR REFERRED IN DOCUMENT 179 TO THE NECESSITY OF ASSIGNING FURTHER ULTRA-HIGH FREQUENCIES IN ORDER THAT THE GDR COULD BE SUPPLIED WITH NATIONAL RADIO PROGRAMS. PROCEDURES WERE INSTITUTED AS REQUIRED BY THE 1961 STOCKHOLM REGIONAL AGREEMENT FOR THE EUROPEAN RADIO AREA.

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E.) WE BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR EXPERTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES TO CLARIFY THE QUESTIONS WHICH YOU RAISED. WE BELIEVE THAT A MEETING OF EXPERTS WOULD BE POSSIBLE DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF THE CONFERENCE IN GENEVA. END TEXT.

2. IN DISCUSSING MATTER WITH ELM, EUR/CE DIRECTOR POINTED OUT THAT US WAS NOT OFFICIALLY PRESENT AT THE

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GENEVA CONFERENCE, EVEN IN OBSERVER STATUS. WE DID HAVE A GROUP IN GENEVA IN AN UNOFFICIAL CAPACITY, HOWEVER. WHILE NOT COMMITING THE US TO A POSITIVE RESPONSE TO THE GDR PROPOSAL, EUR/CE DIRECTOR THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE INFORMAL CONTACTS BETWEEN US AND GDR REPRESENTATIVES ON THE FRINGES OF THE CONFERENCE.

3. AS EXPECTED, THE GDR RESPONSE SKIRTS THE QUESTION OF RIAS INTERFER CE, AND CONCENTRATES ONLY ON EAST GERMAN RIGHT TO PROVIDE RADIO PROGRAMMING ON ITS OWN TERRITORY.

GDR RESPONSE DOES, HOWEVER, SEEM TO BE TO ATTEMPT TO DIFFUSE ISSUE BY PROPOSING AT LEAST PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION AT TECHNICAL LEVEL. WHILE WE ARE NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS CAN CLEAR UP THE ISSUE, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES US INTERESTS WOULD NOT BE DAMAGED BY AT LEAST AGREEING TO LISTEN TO WHAT GDR EXPERTS HAVE TO SAY.

4. US TEAM IS AUTHORIZED TO CONTACT GDR DELEGATION TO PROPOSE INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS ON THE RIAS QUESTION. US SIDE SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT THE TALKS WILL BE FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXCHANGING TECHNICAL INFORMATION ONLY AND THAT THE US REPRESENTATIVES WILL HAVE NO AUTHORITY TO COMMIT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO A POSITION ON ANY OF THE QUESTIONS INVOLVED. ALTHOUGH POLITICAL MATTERS SHOULD NOT, REPEAT NOT BE RAISED IN THE COURSE OF THE TALKS, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR THE EMBASSY BONN REPRESENTATIVE (BONN 16340) TO BE A MEMBER OF THE US TEAM. US TEAM SHOULD ALSO INFORM FRG, UK, AND FRENCH DELEGA-TIONS OF OUR RESPONSE TO GDR PROPOSAL.

5. FOR BERLIN: WE WILL INFORM GDR EMBASSY HERE OF OUR AGREEMENT TO CONDUCT TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS. EMBASSY CONFIDENTIAL

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SHOULD FOLLOW UP WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY, MAKING CLEAR THE LIMITATIONS ON THE DISCUSSIONS AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

6. FOR BONN: EMBASSY SHOULD PROVIDE BONN GROUP WITH TEXT OF GDR PROPOSAL AND INFORM BONN GROUP REPS OF OUR RESPONSE. KISSINGER

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